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ject of Complaint—An Ideal
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From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 1.—B. Kennedy, Vancouver, and two boatmen, who rowed J. H. Gillespie, of Vancouver, up the Pelly river, in Cassiar district, have died from the hardships of the trail.

Work is to be resumed in the boiler works and machine shops of the B. C. Iron Works.

Captain Edwards and Mr. Richards, of the steamer Manawenese, are still formulating their plans to run a line of three steamers between Vancouver and San Francisco. Several meetings of the citizens will be held at which the matter of aid will be discussed.

Dr. Livingstone, an Australian, is responsible for the following fresh story of Yukon official ways: Tenders were called for a fraction on the Bonanza. A reserve of \$10,000 was put on the claim, but no one except government officials appeared to know of this. Several outsiders in ignorance of the reserve bid under it, and a government official, whose name is mentioned by Livingstone, put in an application for \$10,500 and secured the property.

Nothing but praise is heard of the Hagleminen's band and acrobats. The open house was not filled but this was owing to two amateur performances immediately before their arrival which drew packed houses. The band was a long way ahead of the best ever heard here and those who heard it last night were very enthusiastic in their praise.

FORTUNES ON LIARD RIVER.

D. W. Fontaine, of Minneapolis, shows seventeen ounces of coarse gold as partial proof that he has made a big strike in an unexplored creek on the Hootalinqua on the all-Canadian route. A party of miners accompanied Dr. Fontaine, who had been on the head waters of the Liard river. There were six of them and they had made \$25 a day each during the season. The Liard can be reached from Vancouver in two months by going down Frances river, the only practicable route. Another strike has been made 100 miles from Tagish Lake. There will, it is expected, be a big rush to these points next season.

FRUIT HANDLING.

Fruit merchants here have complained to the United States consul, agent of the way fruit is handled in San Francisco and this port. Official recognition, it is understood, will be taken of complaints. They claim fruit is handled at Victoria three times before it reaches Vancouver, that it is handled as roughly as cordwood, is placed in improper, badly ventilated storage on shipboard, and reaches Vancouver bruised and rapidly decaying. Further evidence is to be taken.

IDEAL DRILL HALL.

The local militia have been asked from Ottawa if they will be satisfied with a drill hall similar to that at Victoria. The commanding officer has answered "Yes," with the addition of a basement for rifle practice and bowling alley.

THE RUMORS OF WAR.

It is stated semi-officially that orders have been received for the C. P. R. steamships, the Empresses of India, China and Japan, to be held in readiness for conversion into war cruisers. Hongkong has been advised to have armament in readiness to place on naval reserve steamships if necessary.

COMMISSION ADJOURNED.

Session at Washington Put off to the
Tenth to Suit Canadian
Convenience.

Washington, Nov. 1.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, accompanied by Lord Herschell and Sir Richard Cartwright, of the Canadian commission, called at the state department to-day, and were met by General John W. Foster, Mr. Kasson and Secretary Anderson, of the American commission. With the approval of the absent members on both sides, the commission adjourned, to meet on November 10.

It appears that some of the Canadian commissioners would be detained at Ottawa, awaiting the arrival of the new Governor-General.

PLEBISCITE FIGURED UP.

Prohibition Had Fourteen Thousand
Majority in Poll of Half
a Million.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—The secretary of state to-day received from the clerk of the crown in chancery the full returns of the prohibition vote. The total vote cast was 543,642, out of a list of 1,233,549 voters. The division was:

For prohibition 278,463
Against prohibition 264,578

Majority for 13,884

By provinces the majorities stood as follows: Majority for Ontario, 30,221; Nova Scotia, 29,210; New Brunswick, 7,335; Prince Edward Island, 8,315; Manitoba, 9,412; Northwest Territories, 3,414; British Columbia, 983; total, 9,015.

In Ontario only 22 per cent. of the voters' list supported prohibition; in Quebec only 8 per cent.; in Nova Scotia 34 per cent.; in New Brunswick, 29 per cent.; in Prince Edward Island, 37.5 per cent.; in Manitoba 25 per cent.; in British Columbia 16 per cent.; and in the Northwest Territories 27 per cent.

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FRANCE QUILTS FASHODA

But Will Recall London Ambassador
in Resentment at British
Action.

Admission That Capture of
Omdurman Has Entirely Changed
Nile Situation.

Russia Too Busy in China to Give
France Any Help in Egyptian
Affairs.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 2.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "France will retire from Fashoda unconditionally and without asking compensation."

Baron de Courcel, whose term as French ambassador in London expired long ago, but who has held on to conduct negotiations affecting Egypt, will now be recalled, and no haste will be shown to appoint his successor, with a view to marking French resentment at British action, for England has almost taken the place of Germany as the object of French hatred."

The Paris correspondent of the Times says: "Baron de Courcel gathered from a conversation held after the last British cabinet council, that Lord Salisbury's attitude had undergone no change, the British Premier insisting that it was impossible to disregard public opinion in England, and that nothing could be done until Fashoda was evacuated. So far as French public opinion is concerned, there is not the slightest idea of going to war for Fashoda, and any government doing so would be regarded as a government of imbeciles."

MARCHAND RECALLED.

The Daily Graphic said this morning: "We learn from an official source in Paris that Capt. Baratier bears instructions to Major Marchand to return to Fashoda in order to withdraw his expedition in the direction of the Upper Ubangi river, evacuating Fashoda and the five posts established east of the frontier indicated in the Anglo-German agreement."

"The Egyptian government will be invited to send troops to accompany Major Marchand's retreat. When Major Marchand's retirement is fully accomplished, negotiations based on proposals submitted by Baron de Courcel to Great Britain will be opened. France is disposed to recognize frankly that the reconquest of Omdurman completely changes the situation as it existed when Major Marchand was instructed to proceed to the Nile. The French government will even state that, had Major Marchand been aware of the Khedivial advance, he would not have pushed his mission so far."

Without going so far as the Daily Graphic, all the special despatches from Paris to the morning papers indicate that the solution presented by the Daily Graphic will be the one finally reached, and that, even though the French talk diplomatically, no further serious consequences are anticipated. It is not believed, however, that France will pursue the useless course of leaving her embassy in London vacant.

A TALKATIVE JUNIOR LORD.

London, Nov. 1.—Mr. Hayes Fisher, one of the junior lords of the treasury and member of parliament for Fulham, as well as a ministerial whip, speaking in London this evening said he had seen that which enabled him to assert that the French government had decided to recall the Marchand mission from Fashoda.

In the course of an interview after the delivery of his speech Mr. Fisher on being reminded that he had said he had seen the despatches justifying his assertion of the intention of the French to withdraw Major Marchand, replied that he had not said that he had read them, remarking that he had been misrepresented.

There is little doubt, however, that either purposely or carelessly Mr. Fisher allowed the news of the actual fact to leak out.

RUSSIA BUSY ENOUGH.

London, Nov. 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "Russia has declined to support France in the Fashoda affair fearing that a re-opening of the Egyptian question would interfere with her tremendous task in China."

THE FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Nov. 1.—President Faure this evening signed a decree constituting the cabinet formed by M. Dupuy, who had a long conference with his colleagues this afternoon and discussed all pending domestic and foreign questions. The ministers reached a complete accord regarding the past attitude of M. Delcasse, the foreign minister, toward the Fashoda question and as to the policy he proposes for the future. They approved also the taxation reform proposal of M. Pevral, minister of finance. It was agreed that the ministerial policy on the reassembling of parliament should declare that the present constitution of the cabinet was meant to mark a further stage in the complete union of the whole republican party and should promise the

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WILLIAM MAKES A HIT

Transfers to Catholic Subjects Sultan's Gift of Abode of Virgin Mary.

The Emperor in Amiable Mood Exchanges Messages With Princes of the Church.

By Associated Press.

Jerusalem, Nov. 1.—Emperor William proceeded to Mount Zion this morning, where occurred the ceremony of hoisting German and Turkish flags on the pieces of ground which, according to tradition, was formerly occupied by the abode of the Virgin Mary, and which the Sultan presented to the German Emperor. The latter subsequently formally proclaimed the ground to be German.

Emperor William has telegraphed to the Pope, saying: "I am happy to be able to tell Your Holiness that His Majesty the Sultan has not hesitated to give this proof of his personal friendship. I have been able to acquire at Jerusalem the abode of the Holy Virgin. I decided to place this ground, consecrated by so many pious memories, at the disposal of my Catholic subjects. It rejoices my heart to be able thus to prove how dear to me are the religious views of Catholics Divine Providence has placed in my care. I beg Your Holiness to accept the assurance of my sincere attachment."

The Pope replied, thanking His Majesty and expressing satisfaction at the gift, for which he was sure the German Catholics would be deeply thankful. The Emperor, at the close of the ceremony of consecration, went to the Church of the Redeemer and read an address, during which he said: "From Jerusalem came the light in splendor from which Germany became great and glorious, and what the German people have become they became under the banner of the cross, the emblem of self-sacrificing charity."

"As nearly two thousand years ago, so-to-day I shall ring out the cry, voicing my ardent hope to all, 'Peace on earth.'"

Emperor William then renewed the vow of his ancestors, saying: "I and my house will serve the Lord." The Emperor then called upon all present to make the same vow, concluding with a prayer, "That God grant that confidence in the Almighty, brotherly love, resignation in suffering and efficient work may remain the German nation's noblest ornament, and that the spirit of peace may more and more prevail and haul low the evangelical church."

The Matins at the Church of the Redeemer were attended with the greatest pomp. Early in the morning huge crowds began to collect to witness the imperial cortège. The route was lined with Turkish troops and German sailors. The Emperor William and the Empress drove to the Tower of Babel, from which point they walked to the church. The Emperor was in the white uniform of the German Guards, and the Empress in a gay costume, both wearing numerous decorations. As their majesties entered the church, the organ pealed forth a triumphal march, amid whose strains they passed to the altar, preceded by the officiating clergy bearing the sacramental insignia. The church was filled with uniformed officials. In the course of the service, which was very impressive, Emperor William read the constitution of the church, and expressed the hope that the ministrations there would be followed by the divine blessing.

The Bishop of Breslau, whom the Emperor had informed of his acquisition of the abode of the Virgin, replied, saying: "Your Majesty has added a new link to the chain of recurrent proofs of your just disposition and sovereign solicitude for your Catholic subjects; and at the same time you have instituted a lasting inheritance which has given joy to the whole of Catholic Christianity and will always be held and cherished by German Catholics in grateful remembrance of an Emperor's magnanimity."

Berlin, Nov. 1.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung says that at last Friday's gala banquet at the palace, Mr. Straus, the American minister to Turkey, invited Emperor William to visit the United States. The Emperor replied that he would long ago have made the voyage but that America was so great and offered so many interesting sights that he could not gratify his wish, as the journey would occupy too much time.

PRICE OF THE PHILIPPINES.
United States Senators Against Paying Anything for Their Acquisition.

New York, Nov. 1.—In answer to the query, "Do you favor the proposition to pay Spain \$40,000,000 for the Philippines?" eleven United States senators telegraphed to the World expressing unalterable opposition to such plan. The senators are Jones and Berry, of Arkansas; Harris, of Kansas; Hale, of Maine; Burrows, of Michigan; Roach, of North Dakota; Chandler, of South Dakota; Sullivan, of Tennessee; and Daniel, of Virginia.

Senator Hale says: "I would not take the Philippines if Spain gave us \$40,000,000 with them. The sooner we drop them the better."

Senator Chandler says: "If Spain will pay us war indemnity, I am willing to have her deduct therefrom \$40,000,000 for surrendering her sovereignty in the Philippines, to which we ought to give, if possible, the blessings of religious liberty and self-government, as we have given those in Cuba."

Senator Tillman says: "I am opposed to paying any sum of money to Spain for the Philippines and am equally opposed to holding them as conquered territory; but if we assume control we should not assume any debt on that account. We could sell them to help pay the war expenses."

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GERMAN TRADE.

A Great Increase This Year With United States as Most Promising Customer.

Berlin, Nov. 1.—The imperial statistical office has issued tables regarding German trade for the first nine months of the present year, which show a total increase in exports of \$8,050,000 marks as compared with 1897. This is largely accounted for by the increase in exports to the United States during the third quarter of the year, when the exports totalled \$3,100,000 marks as compared with \$3,300,000 marks for the corresponding quarter of 1897.

It is asserted that both England and France show also a large increase of exports to the United States during the same period, but both countries had a large total increase in exports for the nine months. The official statistics indicate that German trade is prosperous and industry reviving.

WHAT DELAYS CABLE.

Canada Thinks Two-Ninths of Cost Too Much to Pay for Connection With Australia.

Special to the Colonist.

Montreal, Nov. 1.—A Star cable from London says:

"I understand that little if any progress has been made with the Pacific cable question since the Australian colonies expressed, through joint conference, the view that the proportion of cost borne by Australasia should be four-ninths."

"The Canadian government, I am assured, would be glad to see the scheme fulfilled but they contend that the smallness of Canadian commercial interests with Australia would not justify the suggested Canadian contribution of two-ninths against Great Britain's three-ninths."

"There is no doubt felt that if Canada is really in earnest in desiring to have a cable and if she insists on this point of proportion, Mr. Chamberlain would induce the treasury to make the British share more than three-ninths; but if the scheme is not to collapse utterly before final schemes come into the field, it must be urged forward promptly and resolutely."

SPAIN GOING ON STRIKE.

If the Americans Are to Have Everything What's the Use of Further Conference.

Paris, Nov. 1.—French papers derive their news of the work of the peace commission from Spanish sources, and therefore the morning papers here-to-day are interesting, as indicating the atmosphere in Spanish quarters and trend of French views and tendencies.

The Matin says: "It is well understood that the session of Porto Rico was tantamount to the payment of a war indemnity in cash and entirely free Spain from any subsequent reparation on the subject. The Spaniards declined to incur in separating the Cuban debt from the pledges made, and as it was impossible to reach an understanding asked that the question of the Philippines be previously discussed, that question possibly offering America an opportunity of tendering some compensation for the enormous sacrifices they have forced upon the conquered. America finally agreed to the change and only asked the Spaniards to accept provisionally the clauses in relation to the Cuban debt, with the reservation that the acceptance could be withdrawn if no agreement was reached in the Philippines."

Referring to yesterday's meeting the Matin says: "The Spaniards said they would make their answer known on Friday. But it is easy to foresee that it will be a refusal, precise and formal. The Spanish plenipotentiaries have made up their minds that in the event of the United States adverting to the Philippines proposition they will decline signing the act of peace, break the negotiations and call upon civilized nations to witness the abuse of force to which they will be subjected and the violation of the provisions set forth in the Washington protocol."

The Gaulois remarks: "The Spaniards will never agree to abandon the archipelago without compensation, and we believe the Americans intend to suggest that they assume the Philippine debt. We hope negotiations will not be broken, but Spain, it is given out as certain, would take such a course rather than submit to humiliating terms."

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London, Nov. 1.—The Paris correspondent of the Times notices with pleasure the fact that important French newspapers advise Spain not to count on European intervention and that it is expedient to yield so as not to be exposed to the terrible consequences of a bombardment of the Spanish coasts.

A BETTING SUIT.

Montreal Tailor Bitten on a Sure Thing Proposition Must Stand the Loss.

New York, Nov. 1.—Clas. Roberts, a race track follower, accused of swindling Joseph Rosenthal, a Montreal merchant tailor by "holding out" \$350 given him to bet on the races, was discharged by Magistrate Conneron at Long Island City to-day. Roberts was allowed to keep the money that Rosenthal claimed.

Rosenthal testified that Roberts told him the sure winner in a race was 20 to 1. Rosenthal said he gave Roberts \$400 to bet at the odds named. Later he became suspicious and discovered Roberts had not bet the money on that account. He could sell them to help pay the war expenses."

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DOMINION NEWS NOTES

Ontario Minister of Agriculture Recaptures His Seat in the Bye-Election.

Montreal Liberals Averse to Dissolution—Three Claimants for One Governorship.

Special to the Colonist.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Whitby, Nov. 1.—The South Ontario by-election for the Ontario legislature day resulted in the return of Hon. John Dryden, minister of agriculture, by about 100 majority over Calder, Conservative, who carried the seat in the general election by 96 majority, but was subsequently unseated. Mr. Dryden has been without a seat for six months.

Napanee, Nov. 1.—The by-election in Lennox will come off November 18. Aylesworth, Liberal, and Meacham, Conservative, are the candidates.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—The petition against the return of J. T. Garrow, Liberal member for West Huron, and Henry Eller, Conservative member for South Huron, were dismissed this afternoon at place. Garrow was elected by the vote promised to resign his seat in West Huron, and a new election will take place. Garrow was elected by the vote of the returning officer.

DISSOLUTION NOT WANTED.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—The World prints from Montreal a story to the effect that Mr. Tarte has doubts as to whether a dissolution of the Commons will take place soon, and consequently is delaying the issue of the writ for an election in Beaumarais. Liberals, however, take no stock in the story that there is any thought of dissolution.

LORD MINTO KNIGHTED.

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Montreal, Nov. 1.—Lord Minto addresses are the Dr. Ireland, who was not on the steamer Umbria or Teutonic.

WELLAND CANAL.

St. Catharines, Nov. 1.—Navigation on the new Welland canal, which was interrupted Sunday noon last by the steam large George Spencer carrying away three gates of Lock 8, was resumed this afternoon.

RACE FOR HIGH OFFICE.

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Provincial

A contract has been let by the Rossland Skating and Curling Company, limited, for the erection on their seven lots at the corner of Spokane and Second avenue of a mammoth combination rink. The dimensions call for the skating rink proper to be 100 feet by 75 feet, with an arch 40 feet in height covering the same. Surrounding this central rink will be walks and a balcony. This portion will be used by the skaters and hockeyists. On other side will be curling rinks 100 feet by 16 feet. The rink will be completed as rapidly as possible, to allow for amusement as soon as frost appears.

The new hotel at the War Eagle mine, Rossland, has been opened, and is said to be perhaps the finest of its kind on the continent. It was designed as a home for the miners working at the property, and in elegance of detail it is the equal of many first class hotels in large cities. The new hotel stands boldly out upon the side of Red mountain, a little distance above the mine offices. As seen from the town the massive three-story building of stone and wood presents an imposing appearance. Cool verandas surround the hotel, and offer a pleasant loitering place during the summer months. The building is owned by the War Eagle Hotel Company, a corporation subsidiary to the War Eagle Consolidated Mining and Development Company. The hotel company has a capital of \$25,000, and was formed recently for the purpose of erecting and operating the inn. There is no sort of compulsion requiring the employees of the mine to board at the hotel, but so satis- tory is the accommodation offered that nearly every unmarried man on the day shift stops regularly there. The fare is \$7 per week for board and lodging. Already about 180 men are the guests of the new hotel, and the numbers are constantly increasing. J. B. Hastings, the manager of the War Eagle Company, through whom the new hotel was built, is the manager of the War Eagle Hotel Company. C. V. Jenkins is the accountant, and William Sherman, steward.

Martin Kerby was recently brought before Mr. H. Nicholson, J.P., at Camp McKinney, charged with assaulting Mr. C. Hozier at Rock Creek. The circumstances surrounding the case were such that the magistrate imposed a term of one month's imprisonment with hard labor, without the option of a fine. An appeal is to be taken from the magistrate's decision, and in the meantime and until the case can be heard, the defendant has been given his liberty, having been granted by Mr. J. Kerr, J.P., in two securities of \$250 each.

The Midway Advance says: "There is some prospect of work being commenced in the near future on the coal beds which lie just west of Midway about three miles. The land upon which the coal outcrops is now owned by some of the members of the Midway Company, Ltd., who purchased it some time ago from Messrs. Black and Powers. Some years since Mr. D. C. Corbin and his associates held a lease obtained from the provincial government which entitled the holders to develop this coal claim, but very little was done. Mr. J. C. Hnas, E.M., examined the ground the other day for the present holders of the land and it is believed strongly recommended some action to be taken to determine the extent of the coal beds, and upon this recommendation no doubt action will be taken."

Dick B. Bogle, who has returned to Rossland with a party of directors of the Golden Gate Development Company, and W. Clayton Miller the mining engineer, from their inspection to the Mountain Chief camp, on Dog creek, two and a half miles north of Brooklyn, says: "Our company owns a group of four claims on Dog creek, which runs into the lower Arrow lake, which runs surface work recently a new seam in the vein, three feet in width, was uncovered. The ore is composed of copper pyrites, copper glance, and bornite. An average sample from this seam, at another point, assayed 8 per cent. copper and 42 ounces of silver. At a meeting of the board of directors held today it was decided to send up a force of men to sink a 50-foot shaft on this new discovery. The ore that will be taken out during this development work will be shipped as soon as snow flies. We can mine, ship and treat our product at a gross cost of \$11 per ton under present conditions. One of this character commands a high premium from the smelters and both the Trail and Nelson smelters are most anxious to obtain it." The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000, the Rossland local directorate being Mayor Wallace, J. S. Clute, Jr., Magistrate Jordan, and David B. Bogle.

George Pfunder, of the Victoria and Monte Cristo properties at Rossland, has resigned. He says: "I sent in my resignation about 10 days ago, recommending at the same time that W. A. McPherson, my foreman, should succeed me. My reasons are that my wife has been seriously ill at Banff and I desire to accompany her to New York. Previous to going I shall be in Spokane to attend the meeting of the Iron Horse company,

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Aches they would be articles to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness do not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sickness

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Mr. R. H. West, Water street, Vancouver, B.C. writes: I had been troubled with a very painful attack of rheumatism in my right shoulder for several days and was not able to move. A friend advised a bottle of Griffith's Magic Liniment and with two applications, in less than four hours time, the pain and stiffness disappeared so that I could use my arm as well as ever. I have tried it with great satisfaction. In violent fits, however, it does not always get rid of the pain, but by gentle friction pleased all who have used it.

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By steamer Islander from Vancouver: Sir. City of Kingston from Port Town- send.

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after which I shall go to Banff, and then to New York. There has been no understanding between the eastern management and myself. I still retain my original interest in the property."

Rossland is preparing for a winter carnival, which is proposed to be held about the middle of January. An executive committee of 37 prominent citizens has been nominated, including representatives of the snowshoe, curling, hockey and ski athletes. At the head of the affair will be J. S. C. Fraser, chairman; W. H. C. Jackson, secretary, and Archie Mackenzie, treasurer.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver Oct. 31.—Mr. Thicke, president of the Supreme court here, has been dismissed.

The steamer Catch, from British Columbia northern ports, brought two men named D. Sullivan and Peter Kirk, who met a terrible accident in the Van Andra mine on Texada Island. They entered an ore bucket to go down a shaft, when the chain broke and the two men were dashed to the bottom. The heavy iron bucket saved them from death. Sullivan was very seriously hurt, and Kirk is badly shaken up. The men at the mine sent them here for medical treatment.

The coho salmon season closes today. Some ten carriers put up cohoes, and their combined pack approximates 39,000 cases, as follows: Rutherford & Co., Delta, two canneries, 15,000; Fisherman's Cannery, Port Guichon, 3,000; Hickey & Co., North Arm, 4,500; R. Ward & Co., Imperial Cannery, 3,000; J. H. Todd, Beaver Cannery, 1,000; D. J. Munro, Sea Island, 2,000; British-American, 9,000; Britannia, 2,000.

On Saturday night sixty holes were drilled in the panel of Manning's store on Keefer street, which was cut out and never gained. The thieves secured tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, etc., valued at over \$160, besides \$35 in cash.

Rollins and Jones of Seattle, who were engaging men to go North under a secret agreement to work for \$15 per day, are suspected by the provincial police of having intended to enter upon piracy. Rollins was arrested by the police, while the other was still at large.

Rollins, of Seattle, was arrested by the police, but was liberated upon bail.

At the Westminster assizes to-morrow Hon. Joseph Martin will prosecute.

There is no new development in the alleged bank robbery.

HUMPHREYS-ROSS.

A Happy Couple Leave En Route to Nelson on This Morning's Islander.

Two well known Victorians joined interests for life at the home of Mr. Alexander Ross, Menzies street, last evening. Dr. A. Dohambre, the noted French anatomist, has shown that the vital processes which indicate the aging of an animal exhibit their intensities especially in the heads of the bones. In infancy the latter are cartilage, which gradually and uniformly hardens into bone. According to his estimate, this hardening under natural conditions should not be so complete as to cause death until between the 90th and the 100th year. In other words, he finds that death is a result of ossification.

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The writer a day or two ago talked over these matters with Dr. Elmer Gates, the progressive inventor and experimenter.

"It is my belief," said Dr. Gates, "that man should be able to do as well as many animals do—live eight or nine times as long as the period before maturity. Man matures at about 24 or 25. Nine times this would be at least 200 years. But I have other reasons than this analogy for believing in the prolongation of human life. In the first place, parents of ideal health have seldom taken special precautions to beget children. Selective propagation, which has produced such wonderful results in the whole range of animal and vegetable culture, could be applied to the human race. It is very easy by selective propagation to lengthen the life period of lower forms of animals and vegetable creatures. In fact, I have succeeded in trebling the life of several lower forms of organisms, and the same principles will apply to higher forms.

When it is remembered that the human race has probably not yet produced a single child the result of fullest scientific parental preparation, it will not be wondered that life is so short. If for five or six generations parental preparation were made, the average period of life of the descendants would probably be about double that of the present average period.

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HOW TO LIVE 300 YEARS.

Scientists Believe Such an Age Will Be Possible, and Point Out the Way to It.

(John E. Watkins, Jr., in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

Dr. W. Kinnear, a London scientist, claims to have discovered how old age can be greatly prolonged by abstinence from certain foods. Old age, he says, is to a great extent due to deposits in our systems of earthly matter, principally carbonate and phosphate of lime, mixed with other salts. They pass from the stomach into the blood. In early life they are found to be thrown off by the system. In later years they

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"Indeed, I see no reason why the health of man can not be prolonged even beyond the 200th year. A few instances have been recorded where people have attained an age beyond a century. If these had inter-married and had applied the suggestions I have herein made, there is no doubt but that their progeny would have lived to a greater age, and so on, until a race would be produced capable of living perhaps 300 years. It is all a matter of self-functioning—that is, of mind functioning—as to whether a man shall live long or not."

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Eat an abundance of fruit. It is deficient in nitrogen. Raw, juicy apples are especially recommended. For other meals substitute fish, poultry, young mutton and veal. They contain very little of the dangerous salts. Eat mostly of everything. Drink daily two or three glasses of distilled water containing 10 or 15 drops of diluted phosphoric acid in each. This acid, says the doctor, is one of the most powerful fixatives known to science for shielding the system from old age. All drinking water used after middle life should be distilled. Ordinary water contains deposits which aid in the partial ossification of the body. This recipe should be more strictly adhered to as age commences to mar beauty. In youth it is not necessary to be so strict as toward middle life.

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Thrown From a Carriage.—While driving on the Cedar Hill road on Monday afternoon Miss Knight met with a serious accident. The wheel of the carriage came off and she was thrown out on the road, breaking her arm and receiving other painful bruises.

Work for a Change—William H. Moore was yesterday sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labor for vagrancy. He is the man who was run out of Vancouver after serving a term for stealing. It is a very significant fact that since he was arrested there has been less petty stealing around the city.

Must Stand Trial.—J. Knowles was yesterday committed for trial on the charge of posting an obscene picture on the doors of tenants in the Five Sisters block. Nobody saw Knowles posting the obscene picture, but he was caught posting dodgers and other papers, including the summons to appear in court on the door of his neighbor. He will probably elect to be tried under the Speedy Trials act.

Inland Returns.—The inland returns for the month of October are as follows: Spirits \$12,632.69 Malt 1,412.78 Manufact. tobacco 2,208.12 Raw leaf 113.50 Liquors 769.50 Other receipts 5.00 Total \$17,141.59

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DEATH OF DRIVER KINSEY.

Was Called Out by a False Alarm of Fire and Caught a Severe Cold.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital yesterday of Thomas B. Kinsey, driver of the James Bay hose wagon of the Victoria fire department. The deceased, who was considered one of the best men in the department, having a record that it would be hard to beat, caught a cold through hurrying out for two false alarms rung in on October 2. Both alarms were rung in by some mischievous person, and both made it necessary for Driver Kinsey to leave his bed and go out scantly dressed. The cold finally caused pneumonia, and a week ago yesterday he was moved to the Jubilee hospital, where he gradually sank, death coming at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Kinsey was a native of Wales, 44 years of age, and leaves a widow and five small children. He served in the British army for 12 years, being stationed for a time with the Sixtieth Rifles at Winchester, England, and afterwards at Halifax, N. S. He came to Victoria in 1890, joined the fire department a year later as hoseman, and in 1892 was appointed to the position of driver.

Some Were Caught.—The efforts of the police on Halloween to put a stop to the pranks of the small boy were not altogether fruitless, they having obtained the names of a number of boys who removed gates. Plaintiffs were granted one week within which to amend their statement of claim. Mr. L. P. Duff appeared on behalf of the defendants, and Mr. F. Peters for the plaintiffs.

Polling Day To-morrow.—Property owners should not forget that the by-law in which it is proposed to borrow \$20,000 for increasing the fire protection of the city comes up for assent of the electors to-morrow. The polling places are: North ward, room 11 public Market building; room 17 for Central ward, and room 5 for South ward. The polls will open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and doubtless from the increased interest citizens are taking in civic affairs there will be a large vote cast.

Old Folks' Home.—The manager of the Home for the Aged and Infirm gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations to this institution during the month of October: Reading matter from Mr. Geo. Marsden, Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, Mr. N. Shakespeare, Col. Prior, Mrs. Winter, Miss M. Brockway, and Mr. Knox; fruit, Mrs. Wey; reading matter, clothing and boots, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken; reading matter and hats, Mr. W. J. Hanna; clothing and boots, Mrs. L. Pither; clothing a friend.

Amateur Actors Note.—The many young ladies and gentlemen in this city and Vancouver who are engaged in preparing plays for production by amateur talent in the local theatres, have a disappointment in store. This is fully explained in an advertisement and also in a letter from Manager Jamieson in this issue of the Colonist. In brief, Mr. Jamieson says that the amateurs hurt the business of the professional shows, which are the mainstay of the theatres, and therefore he cannot allow the use of his buildings for amateur performances during the regular theatrical season.

Naval Movements.—Nothing further transpired yesterday at Esquimalt in regard to the recent significant movements in naval circles. The Imperious did not get away, as expected, but will get away some time to-day. Most of yesterday was spent in taking ammunition on board. The Leander will probably leave the dock to-day and will be provisioned for a sea voyage. The Sparrowhawk will, it is said, accompany the flagship, she having been provisioned yesterday. Her sister ship, the Virago, has been again placed in commission, a crew having been detailed to man her.

Cassiar Discoveries.—Among the arrivals on the Dirigo yesterday was Mr. J. H. Rose, manager of the Alaska Mining & Commercial company, who has charge of prospecting party in Northern British Columbia. The party went in over the Ashcroft trail, and Mr. Rose claims to have found both rich quartz and gold placer diggings. He also reports that a party sent out by Frank Calbreath made a placer discovery northwest of Teslin lake. Mr. Rose brought down a petition signed by 27 business firms, asking that the post office be not changed from Glenora to the Hudson Bay post a mile further down the river.

Works Well.—The system inaugurated a month ago by the corporation whereby householders are required to pay their water rates at the city hall, and are allowed a rebate when the rates are paid before the 15th of the month, has proved a decided success. By the old system of collecting, two men were able to gather in on an average \$4,000 a month, and about \$8,000 during December, when many paid their rates for the year. Last month no less than \$10,500 was paid at the city hall, the one now engaged as collector issuing 2,520 receipts. This very large amount is accounted for by the fact that many who were in arrears with their rates are paying up to save the rebate. Very few complained of having to go to the city hall to pay, the arrangement being with the approval of the large majority.

Basket Ball.—A good number of spectators gathered to witness the game last night in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Fort street. The intermediate Wasps after an exciting tussle succeeded in beating the High School team by a score of 10 to 2. Although the school team was by far the heavier of the two they lacked the combination that has made the boys in red and white famous. The scoring for the Wasps was as follows: Welsh, 4; McConnell, 4; and Galloway, 2; while Johnson made the tally for the school. Mr. W. N. Winsky made an efficient referee. The Wasps meet again for practice to-night when all members should be present as it is desirable to get in shape for the league games, which commence next Friday.

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AGAIN TAKING LUMBER

Cape Town Once More Giving Lumber Orders to British Columbia Mills.

Steamer Dirigo Arrives With the Last Crowd of Miners to Leave Dawson

Cape Town, South Africa, is again taking British Columbia lumber, having for the past year or so ordered little or none from this province. Puget Sound mills have controlled the trade during the period mentioned, but seems now in a fair way of losing some of it. There are two vessels at present under way to this port, which will receive cargo for that point and these will be due to arrive in the near future. They are the John Smith and the John A. Briggs, the former being 526 tons register and the latter 1,990 tons register. The John Smith is en route from Taku, whence she sailed with a British Columbia cargo last June, and the John A. Briggs reached Honolulu from Sydney in early September. Two other recent lumber charters are the Helen Denny and J. B. Brown, the former a carrier of 1,407 tons and the latter 728 tons. Both are coming from Australia via Honolulu.

LAST BIG CROWD.

The passengers who made the trip from Dawson to White Horse rapids on the steamer Flora, the last vessel to attempt the trip this season, reached here yesterday morning on the steamer Dirigo. The river was still open when they left Dawson on October 8, several steamers having arrived from down the river. Others were going down the river as far as the ice would permit, to winter. With the large decrease in the population of Dawson, and the abundance of provisions that had arrived and was arriving, there need be no danger of anyone going hungry this winter. Typhoid fever, however, was still racking.

MARINE NOTES.

Tug Hope was in from Port Angeles yesterday with 200,000 feet of logs for the sawmill.

Steamer Willapa sailed for coast points last evening with the following among her passengers: A. E. Waterhouse, Mr. G. H. Hayes and wife, Mr. Croft, O. Lindquist and J. W. Pepinit.

Steamer Cottage City will be here from the Sound early this morning on route to Alaska. About a dozen passengers will leave here on her.

The British bark Empire, lumber laden from Moodyville for Fremantle, was yesterday towed to Port Angeles by the Lorne. The American schooner Beldixen, lumber laden from Chemainus for Sydney, was also supposed to sail yesterday and she will be followed to-day or to-morrow by the Rufus E. Wood with cargo from the same mill for Sydney.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

All Saints' Day.—All Saints' Day was observed in all Anglican and Catholic churches yesterday. In the evening a choral evensong was given at the Cathedral, in which several choirs assisted. Rev. C. E. Cooper preached at the service, which was a very pleasing one. A special offering was taken up in aid of the fund for the rebuilding of the cathedral at New Westminster.

Extensive Works.—Mr. J. A. Cartwheel, who is superintending the construction of the wharves and bunkers at Oyster Bay, is in the city. He has thirty men at work, and has already completed two wharves, each 250 feet long, and is now at work on the "third" that will join the two. The frames for the bunkers have been completed, and are ready to raise. There is 30 feet of water at low tide alongside the new wharves. A big gang of men are busily building a spur from the railway at the Alexandria mine to connect with the wharves.

Pearl of Pekin.—Mr. J. M. Finn having succeeded in casting the Pearl of Pekin, will commence rehearsals on that comic opera immediately. He says that the music equals that of the Geisha; and is even more characteristic. The cast includes Miss Maude Goodwin in the title role of the Pearl, Miss Georgie Cooper will sing the soubrette role of Finette, and will be stage manager for the production, for which special scenery is being constructed. Several novel features will also be introduced under the direction of Mr. Fred Cooper, amongst which will be the Chinese lantern drama, the sleigh bell march, and the scarf finale.

The Public Library.—From the public library there were issued in October 2,176 books; to ladies 1,148, to gentlemen 1,028. The greatest number issued in one day was 129. The average number per day is 53. Fifty-one new members have joined the library, 26 ladies and 25 gentlemen. There have been added to the library shelves "Shadows and Sunbeams," "A Volt Official," "Battles With the Sea," "At the Back of the North Pole," "Rival Belles, or Life in Washington," Canada Statistical Year Book, 1897; B. C. Year Book Compendium.

Popular Purser Retires.—Mr. Theodore H. Robinson, who has been acting as purser on the steamer Willapa, has retired, being succeeded by Mr. Brewster, late of the Tees. Mr. Robinson was one of the most popular purser in the employ of steamships plying to this city and his retirement will be greatly regretted by the travelling public and the residents of the West Coast. Always pleasant and obliging he added to his host of friends everyone who travelled on the Willapa.

A Theatre Sensation.—"The South Before the War" at the Victoria theatre last night drew a good sized audience as most shows of the kind do in Victoria. The "Human Frog" business of Mr. Ferry, a very clever piece of contortion, was perhaps the best feature. The pictures of the Passion Play which preceded the minstrel portion of the evening were somewhat spoiled by the speed at which they were put through and something of a sensation was caused by a gentleman jumping up from the audience and denouncing them as sacrilegious. The man who explained the pictures as they were produced, in reply to this said they were facsimiles of the famous Passion Play that takes place in Austria and the gentleman who had objected then left the house.

League Meeting.—The adjourned meeting of the Victoria Basketball League will be held in the J. B. A. Room at 7:30 this evening when it is proposed to make some alterations to rules of play. The official referees are requested to attend.

TWO GREAT MINES.

The War Eagle and Centre Star in Rossland—Immense Machinery Plant Being Installed.

Rossland, Oct. 27.—Never before in the history of the Trail Creek district have so many men been employed in the mines of the camp. Never before have the mines of the camp been shipping so much ore, or a direct result of these two conditions Rossland is enjoying a prosperity hitherto unknown.

Rossland fortunately has rapidly developed into "a great camp." That is, the town has at least reached a condition where it owes its existence to the money actually disbursed each month in the payment of labor.

The feverish excitement attendant upon the old boom days when speculation was rife in mines, real estate and stocks has disappeared, and in its place there is an air of business solidity befitting only by the knowledge of the enormous wealth hidden in mountains surrounding the town.

The splendid manner in which the great War Eagle property has developed must be highly gratifying to Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock.

The War Eagle Consolidated Company is essentially a Canadian corporation. The company is incorporated under the laws of this province. The head office of the company is in Toronto, where the principal stockholders reside, consequently but little is heard here of the company's doings, as all business not directly tributary to the mine is transacted there. The mine in addition to paying all operating experiments, adding permanent improvements, additional machinery, etc., since June of this year has been paying dividends at the rate of 12 cents per share per month, or 18 per cent per annum on the capital stock.

The most enthusiastic Roslanders have little idea of the vastness of the underground ramifications of this great mine.

The mine is daily shipping 150 tons of first class ore to the smelter at Trail.

The major portion of this ore is being taken from the stopes between the 500 and 375-foot levels.

Stopers are also at work taking out the "bonanza" chute,

which in the upper level gave a fortune to Austin Corbin, E. J. Roberts, the Herricks, Patrick Clark and John A. Finch. Work is in progress on the 225-foot level west of the main shaft.

Though the large double compartment shaft has attained a depth of almost 700 feet, it is authoritatively stated that no stoping has been done below the 500-foot level. However, careful and systematic mining exploitation carried out in the levels beneath has proved that the great bonanza chute of ore, in addition to holding its own in grade, is longer and wider.

At the extreme western end of the War Eagle claim, on a bench of Red mountain, 225 feet above what are now the main workings of the mine, the War Eagle Consolidated Company is installing the largest, most model and up-to-date compressor and hoisting plant yet known in the annals of lode mining in Southern Kootenay.

The galloway frame over the shaft is an uncommon one. It is made entirely of steel and was made and is being installed by the Variety Iron Works of Cleveland, O. It is 120 feet high and is a splendid piece of workmanship, compact, strong and thoroughly substantial in every particular. It is said to be the largest galloway frame ever made and largest galloway frame ever erected on a quartz mine. The hoisting works proper, a commodious building, capable of holding in addition to the galloway frame, a large hoist of the most improved electrical pattern, and a 40-drill air compressor, is nearing completion. As little wood as possible has been used in its construction and it stands a mass of heavy corrugated sheet iron, painted a dark red, and is as nearly fire proof as any building can be made. Situated in such a commanding position on the heights of Red mountain, overlooking the town, it is a veritable monument of what accomplish in this matchless mineral belt.

The motive power to be used in the operation of the mammoth compressor and hoist will be electricity. The management hopes to have everything ready for operation before the first of January next. The hoist and compressor is arriving piecemeal, and with the exception of putting the shaft between levels 1, 2 and 3, and installing the hoist and compressor little remains to be done.

Two hundred and fifty men are employed at the mine now. This force will be more than doubled when the new plant is in successful operation. Two 10-ton skips will be employed in the new shaft and those skips will give the mine a hoisting capacity of 2,000 tons per day of 24 hours.

The management of the mine has openly stated that from known ore reserves, there is at least three years' supply of ore in sight, without taking into account any ore bodies that will be opened up in the regular development of the mine.

It is also stated that the company will after the first of January increase the monthly dividend to \$50,000—and may possibly make it larger.

The conditions of this great mine justify the assertion that the War Eagle is one of the great mines of the world.

Adjoining the War Eagle on the east is the Centre Star.

The purchase of the Centre Star by the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate even at such a fabulous price as \$2,000,000 was a rare stroke of business. With the Centre Star and War Eagle this syndicate now holds undisturbed the key to Red mountain.

Purchase prices of mines running up in the millions are few and far between, and the Centre Star, it is believed by local mining men, is an isolated case where two millions were paid for a property before a dividend had been declared.

Nevertheless the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate paid this enormous price, and it is confidently believed will more than "come out even" within the first two years after acquiring possession and the commencement of shipments.

Since assuming the management of the property the syndicate has done nothing in the way of mining and marketing the immense bodies of ore that previous development has proved to exist in the property. All who knew the property have been carried on with a view to its future operation on a large scale. With this end in view towards the western end of the property, and at a point in the centre of the look caused by the switch back in the old La Rio wagon road, preparations for work on a large double compartment shaft are well under way. This shaft will be sunk 20x10 feet and when completed will be timbered and equipped in the same manner as the main shaft of the War Eagle. This shaft will in all future operations constitute the main workings of the mine. At present a force of miners is busily engaged raising this shaft from the tunnel level of the mine to the surface. This work will take three months.

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AGRICULTURE.

SUGAR BEETS.

Prof. G. W. Shaw of the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis when in Walla Walla the other day on his way home from La Grande, where he has been attending the ceremonies of the formal opening of the La Grande beet sugar plant gave some interesting facts regarding the culture of sugar beets in the northwest. He said: "Some of the farmers around La Grande are disappointed in the results from their first crops, but it is due to the fact that scientific principles were not followed in the growing of the beets. Then the season was well advanced before the location of the factory was assured and instead of planting in April many did not plant until June, which being followed by a period of hot weather resulted disadvantageously to the crop. However, many have done well, the failures being attributed to improper culture." Prof. Shaw said the nominal yield of sugar beets was 15 tons to the acre, realizing \$60. The cost of production is from \$28 to \$30. Therefore, instead of a farmer allowing his wheat land to lie idle each alternate year, he could realize a profit of \$30 per acre by growing sugar beets, and Prof. Shaw says that instead of impoverishing the land for the next year's wheat crop, it will improve it.

THE VALUE OF QUIET.

It has been established beyond doubt that the cow that is allowed to dwell in peace and quiet is more profitable than she would be if she were disturbed by rude noises and excited by unkind treatment, says the Farmers' Voice. Early one morning last week we noticed a herd of cows being driven to the milking yard by a noisy dog and a boy almost as noisy. The man who owns those cows does not understand dairying, or he would kill the dog and subdue the boy or drive up the cows himself. It has been shown by actual test that the butter fat in the milk of a herd of cows can be reduced as much as ten per cent, by exciting them just before they are milked. Every man who keeps a dairy should make a rule against noises, rough treatment or rude actions about the milking yard, and then rigidly enforce the rules. Unless this is done the value of the herd will be depreciated.

REMOVAL OF LARGE TREES.

Replying to a correspondent who wanted to know if a tree 12 years old could be removed and replanted, the Philadelphia Record says: "Any tree, and of any size, can be removed, provided the roots are not cut too severely.

Removing large trees a laborious process, and must be done with patience and care. A tree 12 years old may be removed by cutting a circle around the tree about 10 or 12 feet in diameter, 4 feet deep, with as much of the tap root as can be secured in addition. A low-down wagon is used, and some of the branches of the tree may be first removed, those remaining to be cut back severely.

Place the tree in its selected position, a few inches deeper than it was before removed, fill in with rich top soil, pack the earth well and use plenty of water. It may be done in late fall or early spring. By removing the tree with its roots undisturbed (taking the dirt also) it receives but little check.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

LUST OF CONQUEST.

When war broke out between the United States and Spain, even the most chauvinistic Americans did not clamor for anything beyond the emancipation of Cuba. Gradually, however, the lust of conquest swept away all other considerations, and the greed of gold and the lust of power came in.

But several white elephants. Cuba alone is to have a garrison of 50,000 American soldiers; Porto Rico and the Ladrones will require some troops; if, as Senator Sumner demands, the whole of the Philippines must be annexed, they will absorbably as many troops as the Pearl of the Antilles. Aguinaldo and his banditti talk proudly of their strength now, but were there not 10,000 men in the Philippines? And were there not 10,000 men in the Philippines?

And the Spanish fleet, which was to be sent to the Orient, was to be sent to the Orient.

As for the "lust of conquest,"

the Parisian journals are commenting on

the fact that President Felix Faure was seen at a hunting party in the Champs Elysees.

It is said that he is the first French president to smoke. It is recalled that M. Faure, not only did not smoke, but in

spite of his military position, he

and the ordinance officer should be a captain who was a stranger to the use of tobacco.

Marshal McMahon used to smoke, but gave it up when he became president.

President Grey was never known to smoke.

M. Jules Grey used to be an inveterate smoker, but he ceased to use the weed when he became president.

M. Sadurni never smoked, and his secretary abstained—at the Elysee, at least.

M. Casimir Perier used to smoke, but only a little, and not at all after he became president.

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"Goldstream" is presented in its beautiful dress of various greens, the

falls being at their best; "Esquimalt" is probably the best picture of

the harbor and ships that has ever been taken; "Goodacre Lake" and

its surroundings is a beautiful picture, as is also the "Swans in the

Lake." "A Portion of the Business Quarter" gives an excellent idea

of the solidity of that section of Victoria, although the point of

the Indian reserve from which it is taken does not make the best of fore-

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.

Owing to the rapid passage of a decided storm centre across Northern British Columbia in conjunction with an area of high barometric pressure on the Oregon coast, high south-westerly winds have prevailed throughout this province, the N. W. Territories and the North Pacific states. Canada reports a maximum velocity of 44 miles.

Fifteen showers have occurred west of the Cascades, while to the eastward, in Canada the weather has been fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.

	Max.	Min.
Victoria.....	52	48
Winnipeg.....	32	31
Qu'Appelle.....	32	29
Calgary.....	29	20
Kamloops.....	29	25
Vancouver.....	54	50
Portland.....	54	50
San Francisco.....	52	60

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 8 a.m., Pacific time, Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity.—Decreasing westerly winds generally fair and cool to-day, probably fair Thursday.

Lower Mainland—Westerly winds, gradually clearing weather, preceded by occasional showers.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Temperature:	Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m.	49	50
Noon	50	Highest.....
5 p.m.	49	Lowest.

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 3 miles South East
Noon. 26 miles West
5 p.m. 18 miles West.
Rain—10 inches.

Sunrise record—4 hr. 30 min.

Average state of weather fair, with occasional showers.

Barometer at noon—Observed..... 30.024
Corrected..... 29.973

E. BAYNES REED,

Provincial Forecast Official.

A KLONDIKER'S ROMANCE.

Followed His Runaway Wife to London
Whence They Return Happily
Reunited.

News-Advertiser Correspondence.

London, Oct. 15.—The real story of Van Alstine, the Klondike, and his wife, is well known in Vancouver, but Vancouverites may like to have a version in the Daily Mail. That paper says:

An affair which resembles a story, half fact and half Dickens, in real life, has just ended nicely and happily in London.

The story begins in Klondike, where C. Van Alstine, the wealthy owner of a number of valuable claims, at the point of his departure to himself a wife some three months ago.

The bride was, as might be supposed, from the goldmines in the goldmines one evening to find his wife had gone. He appears to have discovered ready for the first time how fond he was of her. He offered a reward of \$5,000 for her information, and the couple were soon married.

Two cases in point—one in Victoria and one in Vancouver—illustrate very clearly what seven years of experience has shown me is always the result.

In Victoria the Henderson company closed their engagement on Wednesday night. I had rented the theatre for Thursday night for the Geisha concert, and the sale of seats was proceeding during the whole of Wednesday, at the same time as was that of the Henderson company. There was already a greater sale for the concert than there was for the Henderson company when that for the latter closed on Wednesday night, and both the company and myself lost heavily on the performance, and there is no room for argument on the statement that said loss was largely, if not altogether, the result of the concert.

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This explanation is not intended for the professionals and others who have, in some cases, been using the amateurs, as well as myself, in getting up entertainments, ostensibly for charitable purposes, but in reality for their own pecuniary benefit. Their opinions as to whether I should conduct my own business in my own interests or in theirs will possibly be a trifle prejudiced, and will in any case be of no moment to me.

It is intended for the amateurs themselves and for the public generally, who will, I am sure, see the force of the arguments set forth herein, and realize the fact that I should no more be expected to sacrifice my business and that of the owners of the attractions whose partner and agent I am, than that they should be expected to sacrifice theirs for a like reason.

ROBT. JAMIESON,
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Vancouver, November 1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THEATRES CLOSED TO AMATEURS.

Sir: An advertisement which I enclose, and which I am publishing in the Victoria and Vancouver papers, will probably excite considerable comment, as there are so many young people in both cities concerned in getting up the attractions referred to, but I feel satisfied that most of them will need only the explanation given in the notice itself to enable them to recognize the justice of the stand which I feel myself compelled to take in the matter.

In Victoria one group of amateurs is getting up "Iolanthe," another "The Pearl of Pekin," another "Robin Hood," and others are spoken of. All of these also want time in the Vancouver Opera House. In Vancouver one group wishes to present "The Shop Girl," and the opera house is being spoken of for six Philharmonic concerts, and there are other applications which I do not call to mind at the moment. "The Shop Girl" also wishes time in Victoria. All of these wish to have the use of my houses during the present regular theatrical season, the only time in which I have a chance of making anything out of them. The fact is that from now until the end of February there is only one single week in which I have not got from one to three attractions booked for both houses, and I am conducting correspondence now which will most probably result in my booking that week as well, and I am also conducting correspondence which will undoubtedly fill up what little vacant time I have left in the months of March, April and May. If I allow the use of the houses in either city to these entertainments, I do it with the knowledge that it is at the expense of the business of the regular attractions immediately preceding or following them. They have the greatest cause of complaint, and to complain most bitterly at my inducing them to visit these towns by making representations of possible good business, and then ruining their business and causing them heavy loss by allowing a heavy amateur production the use of the houses just before or just after their date, the result being the same in either case.

All attractions to which I do not guarantee a certain amount are played upon a percentage. I take an agreed upon percentage on the gross receipts, out of which I pay the entire local expense, and we are thus partners in the productions in my towns. I am certainly not doing my duty by my partners in allowing their business to be ruined in the manner referred to, nor to myself, whose business naturally suffers in the same way, and if I gain the reputation of conducting my houses in that way I shall very soon find it hard to induce companies to visit a section in which no attempt is made to conserve their interests. The suggestion has been made to me that I could protect myself by making such terms with the different amateur attractions as would compensate me for any loss I might sustain through injury to the business of nearby regular attractions. Quite so. I have not the slightest doubt but that I could make such terms. All I would have to do would be to insist upon them. But would I be acting honorably to my partners, the owners of the regular attractions, which I have induced to visit this territory? I know I would not be, and I feel satisfied that all who have not an ulterior motive in getting up the amateur entertainments will agree with me.

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MR. FINN'S BUSINESS.

Sir: In your issue of yesterday morning I noticed a letter signed "Anti-Humburg" in which it was stated that I was sent out here by the Canadian government on an important mission in connection with the sealing industry. I simply wish to deny the statement. I am here on purely private business, so that my friend Anti-Humburg is entirely mistaken, to say the least.

B. E. FINN.

VICTORIA THEATRE AUDIENCES.

Sir: There has lately been dissatisfaction amongst the public as a whole over the class of performers that have lately been holding the boards of the Victoria theatre. "Rotten Show" is the remark often heard outside the theatre after a performance, and others who say, "I will not patronize that theatre until good shows are put on." These have lately been at the theatre, more excellent, and the company consisting of Bennett's Band and Hagemann's Acrobat. This was probably the best, if not the best of its kind that has ever been performed at the Crystal Palace and Alhambra music hall, in London, and have now toured the world lately fulfilling a most satisfactory engagement with Bennett's band in Portland, lasting for two weeks, but at the request of the citizens of Portland, stay on another two weeks, and before leaving the city the citizens presented the director with a gold watch, "in high appreciation of your band's most excellent concert." When they performed here the audiences applauded vociferously, the few of our most notable citizens present lending their aid with their lusty voices in the applause. Yet the audience, I blush as a citizen to relate, was probably the worst on Friday night that has ever faced a Victoria stage and not much better on the following night. Now, say, those who do not turn out and patronize that performance (over which all concerned must be lost), for ever hold their peace as to the quality of a play in the Victoria theatre. Is there any encouragement for a manager to put on a good play in Victoria? If the people do not attend it? Have they not got eyes and ears to see and hear when a show is good, and cannot they exert themselves a little to find out? On looking down at the audience it is surprising to see what large number of our citizens were conspicuous by their absence on both nights. It is Mr. Bennett's intention to leave Victoria on Wednesday next to wait for Timaru's boat to Seattle en route to Chicago, but he cannot yet see his way to perform again owing to the expense and dead certain loss he will be put to, looking at the last two audiences as a forshadow of numbers. This is a nice state of things for a town like Victoria, and of course is a good advertisement as to the inertness of its citizens. If Mr. Jamieson had come with some daring advertisements a la "Aida" and a few new blood-curdling scenes of a sort, blowing a trombone, for instance, to bring in the public, he would have touched the feelings of Victoria's audiences and aroused their curiosity, and the theatre would have been packed, but because the forecasts of the show were printed for a civilized town and the managers of the show did not know that Victoria had to be advertised differently to others they, therefore got a bad house. Compare the audience that turned out for the "Air Ship" performance with the audiences of Friday and Saturday last, in numbers only I am glad to say, and it was nearly twice as big for that 90th rate show. In conclusion allow me to congratulate you on the very excellent article which appeared in your paper on Saturday morning about this performance and which no doubt ably assisted in swelling the numbers for that evening. Would it not be possible, by way of a suggestion say on the inside of your paper to keep a special column reserved for notices and criticisms, advance and otherwise, so that theatre-goers would know to whom to look and could trust to your paper to know whether a performance is entitled to a good audience or not; most of the plays that come to this city are criticized by some American papers beforehand. This, if carried out by you would, I am sure, meet with the hearty approval of your subscribers, and greater care should be taken to criticize strongly a rotten show and then they, along with the Johnnies who bring them, would fight shy of Victoria.

TROMBONE.
THE SEARCH FOR ANDRE.
Difficulties of the Party Now Proceeding Through Siberia.

After a lapse of nearly three months a steamer has again arrived from the far north of Siberia from Herr J. Stadling, a German, who had been engaged by the Swedish Geographical and Anthropological Society in search of Andre. It will be seen that at the time of writing Herr Stadling and his companions had reached Irkutsk, and were en route to Omsk, and the most pernicious part of their journey lay before them. They were about to build a boat themselves, and in this attempt a small craft attempted to cross the open sea to the mouth of the Olenek. Since that time we have travelled backwards and forwards near the deer, putting ourselves in communication with the natives, who gather here during the summer months, and the most pernicious part of their journey lay before them. They were about to build a boat themselves, and in this attempt a small craft attempted to cross the open sea to the mouth of the Olenek. 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